

1880-1910 Population growth

In this section you can read excerpts from Allotment committee meetings held in the Vestry hall, Ranelagh road, Ealing. These articles have come from the Middlesex County times. You can also read about entries for the Ealing, Acton & Hanwell Horticultural society from "cottager" plot holders.

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1887-09-10:

A gentleman, whose name did not transpire, said if the trustees looked round they would find, instead of five or six (plot holder who were not cottagers) 25 or 26 who ought to give up their holdings. Mr Caley said there were 15 pieces which had not been let for nearly twelve months. However none were rented out as committee decided to adjourn meeting to later date due to Act of parliament that might affect proceedings

1887-10-05

Rev. Dr. Oliver (chairman) The number of applicants was very great, he believed more than 100, and it would be out of the question for them to deal with them individually.

1887-10-08

Committee meeting: there are 140 tenants, 7 plots of land vacant. Messrs James Jannaway, James Fraser, William Cain, George King, Henry Mallam, Robert Pattison, and E. T. Plumridge were admitted as tenants of the vacant plots.

A man named Hill had always paid an annual sum of 5 shillings, and the history of his coming was this. He was a travelling tinker, and used to put his cart up outside the hedge of his allotment. In course of time he took the wheels off his cart, and it thus became a hut. He then put a hedge around it and continue to hold his allotment. When he and his wife died his son took possession. The committee, however contended that they could not allow this, and as he had never been admitted a tenant of the allotment, determined to put him out. When the case came before the court people recollected the whole proceeding, and that the site where the hut had been built was outside the allotment, and the committee was therefore in the wrong.

Mr Weatherly said his recollection was that the travelling tinker's hut was near Mr Wright's house now stood. It was moved there by Mr Weatherly's father's horse. Mr Handcock, one of the overseers who consented to it's being done, was brought from .

Mr. Cannon referred to the annoyance felt by those who cultivated their plots when they found an adjoining piece not properly attended to.(hear, hear). He had seen this when he acted as judge of the allotment gardens (horticultural show). He thought the committee should enforce their powers in reference to those holders who did not cultivate their pieces.

1887-10-15

Allotment committee of Ealing dean have applicants from some 70 or so working men for a garden; and they have to wait several years before a plot falls vacant.

1888-09-08

Present Vicar Rev. W.E. Oliver Messrs. R Dean, H. S. Timpson, C. Atlee, Weatherly, Cannon, W

Nye, J.W. Tidy, Ex-Inspector Wills, Boylan, Figg (vestry clerk), H. N. Atlee 9Parish Cleark), etc. Rev. W.E. Oliver stated that there were but five vacancies in the holdings, whilst names of 92 applicants appeared upon the books. This was great evidence of the popularity of the allotment movement.

Coming to the present state of the ground, he said that the committee reported and there were far too many weeds upon some of the plots, whilst several others were not kept so clean as they might be. Upon the whole however, a noticeable advance upon last year's condition was observable.

The chairman declined and put to the meeting and the business of reading out the names of the cultivators of the various pieces of land was proceeded with. With regards to the allotment held by Mr Brown, of Brentford, Mr Dean said that he must object most strongly to the weedy condition in which it was kept, thereby causing unpleasantness to neighbouring holders. - Mr G. Cannon, amongst others, testify to the truth of these remarks, and on the suggestion of Mr Dean seconded by Mr Boylan, it was agreed that the clerk should inform Mr Brown that the state of his plot had been the subject of comment at the vestry. - A similar course was adopted with in regard to the holding of Messrs Shackley, Binaley and Hauken. The subject of the plot held by Mr. Fitch gave rise to considerable discussion, Mr. Dean pointed out that the man carried on the business of a greengrocer at a house in respect of which he paid £70 a year rent. This, to the speakers mind, removed him outside the radius of definition of the act of parliament, and he (Mr Dean) thought that the piece of ground should be transferred to a far more deserving person. - Mr Weatherly moved that the plot remain tenanted as at present, and Mr. Kates seconded. - Mr. C. Atlee thought that the name could not be put to the meeting, as Mr Fitch was certainly not a day labourer as defined by the act of parliament. Mr Weatherly pressed his motion, and Mr Dean strongly objected, upon the grounds of principle, to the holding being continued, but the vestry, however, expressed an opinion in favour of the claimant.- Mr Dean objected, upon the same grounds, to retention by Mr Weedon of his holding, but this objection was also squashed by the meeting, which then proceeded to find tenants for the vacant plots. These were allotted ultimately to Messrs W. Green, J. Harris, C. Harman, J Luckett, L. Sutton, and T. Middleton, and on the motion of Mr Dean seconded by Mr Boylan, the vestry confirmed the appointments, - Mr Dean said that he had heard it stated that a plot of land had remained vacant for some considerable time, and urged that such a state of things should not be allowed to exist. He therefore suggested that the vestry empower the committee to fill up any holding becoming vacant, by giving it to the next deserving applicant, subject to confirmation at the next vestry. He likewise suggested that in the future every candidate should enter his age in the application book, and state whether he is married or not, - Mr Simmonds seconded, and the suggestions were adopted, - One of the holders called the attention of the vestry to the want of a fence along the sides of a footpath leading from Northfield-road across the estate, in order to protect the fruit and vegetables from the children, who strayed where they felt inclined, and did considerable damage to the holdings. As it appeared outside the province of the vestry to erect any fencing, it was decided to direct the attention of the police to the matter, and the meeting then closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman.

Saturday version (more detail)

At the outset of the proceedings, a point was raised by Mr Weatherley as to the notice convening the meeting, in consequence of the character of which they could only discuss the letting of the allotments. He understood that the vacancy caused by the death of Mr White on the committee had been filled up, and he had expected that it would have been discussed at the meeting. He thought that the appointment should have been made by resolution, and as there was no election of the committee until 1890, wondered what course would be adopted if all the

committee should die. - The chairman: The surviving committee would elect. I don't think all of us will die, and after the lamented death of Mr White, a very old friend among us, the committee took upon themselves to fill up the vacancy ("Oh, oh" and laughter)

Mr Weatherley: Do you mean to say they did that?

The Chairman: Yes, we did.

Mr Weatherley: And no resolution?

The Chairman: Yes, and no resolution. We did it, and we are not ashamed of it at all.

Mr Weatherley: There is not a single meeting Held in Ealing that is not upside down.

The notice calling the meeting having been read, the chairman made a few remarks, in the course of which he said there were 92 men who are waiting for allotments, most of them being poor, deserving men, to whom the allotments would be a great boon, but there were but six vacancies. This fact proved that the allotments were found to be in a very great boon to the poor, and what they wanted, if possible, was for the poor to have the benefit of them (hear, hear).

He was quite sure that there was not a man present who did not feel that the committee only wished to administer the allotments for the benefit of the poor only, (applause)- and the act of parliament distinctly said who those poor were; they were to be labourers and cottagers. That meant that they should be men working hard daily for their living, and to whom a strip of land was a tremendous help (applause). The idea was not at all that his good churchwarden should be one of the candidates, for he was a gentleman occupying a very good house and paying a very large rental. If such a thing were proposed they would say at once, "No, Mr. Boylan; we have great admiration for you and love you very much, but you don't get one of the allotments"

(applause). They would say at once, the allotments were for the poor, and the very poor (hear, hear)- not for the man who could afford 10 shillings or 12 shillings, but for the man who 10 shillings. meant one week's hard work. These were men who wanted help - not the men who had their foot up the ladder a long way, but those who had not got their foot upon it at all (hear hear).

It was said last year, as he rejoiced to hear it, that the allotments might have been the means in many cases of enabling a man to get his foot on the ladder and going on. He would not mention any names, but would ask those who thought they had their foot up the ladder to remember the 92 men who were hungering and thirsting after one of the allotments, and if they could afford to do so to give up the allotments they held for the sake of those 92 poorer men - he would ask such to be generous enough to resign (applause). He did not think he could say anything more fair.

There might be some - and a good many, perhaps - who had held allotments for some time and might have got fond of them and found them an advantage, but when they considered the 92 poor fellows who never had an allotment, and to whom it would mean bread and cheese, he thought it was a question whether those who could would not, in a spirit of generosity and brotherliness, give them up for the sake of poorer brothers (hear hear). There were a certain number of allotment holders whom the visiting committee reported as allowing weeds to grow in their ground (hear hear). If they allowed weeds to grow on their allotments they not only injured themselves but their neighbour - Two very bad things to do. Although he would not mention names, he might perhaps mention numbers, and those the committee had reported for not keeping their allotments in the way they ought to do were Nos. 5, 6, 43, 25 65 (hear hear).

The committee did not wish to act harshly at all, but they did strongly recommend those whose numbers had been mentioned to do better in the future, and clear their grounds to make it a pattern of neatness, instead of a fertile place for weeds to grow (applause). But he might tell them that the committee thought the condition of the plots this year a great deal better than they were last year (applause). They were very pleased with a great number of them, and the only plots they found fault with were those he had mentioned, and out of 140 that was a small percentage indeed, so that they might make themselves an admiration society, and say that

they were very good fellows and had done remarkably well (applause). The vicar then once more invited those who could afford to do so to give up their plots, saying there never was a time in the world's history when the wealthier classes helped the poor more than they did now, but this was a case where the poorer man could help his brother, and he was sure he expressed the feelings of the committee - and he could not express it too strongly - when he said they earnestly hope that without any further pressure those who could would give up their allotments (hear, hear). The names would now be called out, and they could vote for each one. - Mr Weatherley said he could not agree to this being done, as he considered it was rather pointing at the poor man - to get rid of him by a show of hands. He would make a proposition exactly the same as he did last year, viz., "That the person's now the tenants of the Ealing Dean allotments shall be tenants of their respective Holdings until the 29th September, 1889." - The chairman said that would not do, as the act of parliament said that each name should be submitted to the vestry for the vestry to vote upon it, and it rested in the hands of the vestry to approve or reject a name. -

Mr Weatherley: My resolution has been proposed and seconded and I shall press it. -

The chairman: I do not think the Vestry can entertain it. The act of parliament is distinct, and we are bound to administer these allotments in accordance with it. -

Mr Weatherley: If that is so what I should have impress upon those present is that, as the names are called out, every man should hold up his hand for each name. -

The Chairman: The Vestry can do as they please. what difference is it? The act of parliament distinctly says that we have to administer the allotments by an election to each allotment every September by the voice of the vestry, and we propose to submit each name to the vestry for them to vote upon it. Nothing can be fairer. - The names of the present holders were then called out, and objections were raised in several instances, the first of which was a man named Brown, about whose allotment Mr Dean said he must complain in the interest of those who held allotments next to it (hear, hear) He contended that no man ought to make his allotment a nuisance by growing weeds and little else, in order to make the ground on either side foul (hear hear)

A Voice: He has not done the top part of his ground for years,

Mr Cannon endorsed Mr Dean's remarks. -

The chairman: Here is a man who has neglected his holdings for years; do you think he is a man who ought to have it?

A voice: Try him another year

The Chairman: This shows the advantage of bringing each name before the vestry. - In answer to the meeting, Mr Atlee (parish clerk) explained that Mr Brown had paid his rent. -

Mr Dean: But we do not take his rent for him to grow weeds, but to grow vegetables. - Mr Atlee remarked that Mr Brown worked for a market gardener, and the only time he had to work on his allotment was late on Saturday evenings, and till 8 o'clock on Sunday mornings. This might account for his ground being in the condition mentioned. - Several present here said that, however that might be Mr Brown must keep his allotment in proper order for the sake of the allotments generally.

Mr Dean proposed that the clerk should intimate to Mr Brown that the condition of his grounds had been brought before the vestry, and the committee thought that he should resign it, unless he kept it in better order. - Mr Boylan seconded, and it was determined that this course should be adopted in the case of each of the other allotment holders complained of also, and these were named respectively, Crow, Shackle, Bensley and Hankins. -

Mr Dean drew the attention of the vestry to a Mr Fitch when his name was called out, saying he thought the vestry ought to take his case into consideration. He was told that he was a

greengrocer in the Uxbridge-road, and that his rent was something like £70 a year, and he would ask the vestry if they thought a man who paid that rent and kept a shop, being practically a tradesman, came under the meaning of the act of parliament. There was also another objection to his holding an allotment - that he seemed to have planted the whole of his plot with potatoes, which he conveyed to his shop, and sold to his neighbours. It appeared to him that Mr Fitch's plot would remain fallow for the winter, and that if that were so he was not treating the ground as it ought to be. He was strongly of the opinion that this person should resign, in order that some more needy brother might have the allotment. -

Mr Weatherley said there were circumstances of a very painful character, which he hoped he would not be asked to divulge, but which induced him to determine to vote for Mr Fitch retaining his plot. - Mr. C Atlee, while commiserating with Mr. Fitch in his misfortunes, whatever they might be, could not overlook the fact that he was not a day labourer, and did not come under the act as such. -

A voice: He works more hours than any man in the room, and he is in what you might call difficulties; therefore, I don't see why you should take a plot from him (hear, hear and applause).

- Mr Atlee submitted that Mr Fitch was not eligible, and his name would not be submitted to the meeting. -

Mr Weatherley: It is as I say: everything is upside down. I shall propose that this name be put, and that he be a tenant for the ensuing year. If anyone will second it the chairman is bound to put it. -

Mr Dean said the allotments were for industrious working men who earned precarious wages, and who, at certain seasons of the year, might be thrown out of employment through the inconveniences of weather, and not for tradesman who paid £70 a year for rent, and use the allotment for trade purposes. This plot was lying fallow at the present time, with not a particle of green stuff on it for the winter, and most of them were gardeners enough to know if green stuff was not planted by the first or second week in September, it was very little use in the winter. He assured the working men present that he was as much a friend to them as Mr. Weatherley, and had their interest as much at heart. He might say he did more for them than he did (applause) Mr Weatherley was surprised at Mr Dean's remarks as to the green stuff. He would like to know the man who would put in cabbages until the first week in November for the next season (oh, oh and hisses). Mr. Steele, a Market gardener in the room, would say the same thing. A man must be a mad man to do it (laughter). -

Mr Cannon said the condition of the ground was as Mr Dean had described. - Mr Fielder told the meeting that Mr Fitch had intended sowing the ground, but the weather and his health would not permit it. -

The Chairman said no doubt Mr Weatherley was an admirable lawyer, but he thought he must take Mr Dean's and Mr Cannon's opinion in preference to his as to gardening. -

Mr Weatherley (indignantly, and apparently indicating Mr Dean): I beg your pardon, I knew more about gardening almost before he was born (loud laughter). - Upon a show of hands, it was determined by a considerable majority that Mr Fitch should have the allotment for the ensuing year. -Mr Dean also mentioned the case of Mr George Weeden as been one where he thought the ground might be given up for someone else: but Mr Weeden saw no reason why he should give it up, and the meeting approving, he retained it for another year. - Mr Dean explained that he had no personal feeling whatever in the matter against anyone, but he mentioned these names upon the principle that they were not men qualified under the act to have plots. The meeting now proceeded to the election of candidates to hold six vacant plots, those chosen being six who had been on the books the longest time, viz. :- William Green, of 12 Williams cottages, gardener; J. Harris, 6 Minton villas: Charles Harman 11 St. Helen's road labourer ; John

Lockett, 9 Princes road bricklayer ; L. Sutton Portland terrace, Avenue road ; and H. Middleton, Pay's cottages

The vestry also adopted a suggestion by Mr Dean that to prevent allotments lying vacant between the periods of letting them, the committee should have power, to fill up the vacancy, the person chosen to be approved of or otherwise at the annual meeting in September, it being understood that the committee would give such allotments to the next deserving candidates. A further suggestion from the same source was also adopted, to the effect that when a person made an application for an allotment, his age should be entered on the book, and that it should also be stated whether he is a married man or not, and, if married, with what family, so that it might be better understood, on an occasion like that, who were the most deserving candidates.- Mr Weatherley hoped that when the vestry was called next year it would be done in such a way that other matters might be discussed. - Complaints having been made as to the damage and pilfering which the crops suffered through children and others being allowed to use a path along the allotments, and the matter having been referred to the visiting committee, the meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the chairman

1889-09-28 (edited by SJC) 10 rods

The meeting of the vestry of the parish of Ealing for the purpose of letting the Ealing Dean Allotment ground was held in the Vestry Hall, On Thursday evening.

The Vicar, the Rev. W. E. Oliver, LL.D., occupied the chair and amongst the others present were the Rev. J. S. Hilliard, Mr G. Boylan (churchwarden), Mr. W. G. Brown, Mr. G. H. Parsons (assistant overseer), Mr. Atlee (clerk to the committee), and Mr. Figg (vestry clerk): also Messrs. Goff, J. Langdon, H. G. Parsons, E. Fountain, J. Caley, W. Fitch, E. Smith, and J. Weeden.? About 100 persons were present.

First business - New committee members, Mr. Adamson (only temporary) Mr. White who had died, Mr Dean who had resigned. Results of open vote Mr. Adamson nine votes, Mr. Fountain nine votes, Mr. Weeden 26 votes and Mr. Weatherley 22 votes. Mr. Weeden was not present but declined once he arrived in the meeting.

A policeman Clarke asked to be reinstated on the plot as he had been moved back to Ealing. It was agreed but a Voice asked why he should be allowed when a man has to wait five years for a plot.

A man named Green said that he would prefer half his present holding of 20 rods, though if the Vestry would not allow the allotment to be divided, he would wish to continue to hold the whole. Some diversity of opinion existed on this case. It was urged on the one hand that the division ought to be allowed, as there were numerous applicants for allotments to whom 10 rods would be acceptable. It was contended on the other hand that to divide the allotment would be to sublet it, and that if subletting were not allowable in the former case, it was not in this. Mr Brown proposed, and the Rev. J.S. Hilliard seconded, that the allotment be divided, and the applicant be allowed one half of his present portion. The motion was rejected by 27 against 5 votes, the result being that Green was allowed to retain the whole allotment.

On a question which was raised by the reverent JS Hilliard as to whether certain persons on the list-a beer housekeeper and a green grocer- ought not by reason of there having risen above the rank of ordinary labouring men, to cease to hold an allotment, the chairman said that the distinct intention of the legislature in the passing of the Allotments Act undoubtedly was that allotments held under the Act should be held by labouring men who cultivated the grounds themselves - the greengrocer to whom Mr. Hilliard objected caused some amusement by saying that he was willing to at once give up the ground if he were paid 5 lbs compensation for the

labour he had put upon it, and the productive state to which he had brought it. - The chairman said that he was afraid the present holder would continue to hold this allotment for a good many years before he got an incoming holder to pay him that amount of compensation (laughter).- The greengrocer in question also asked why the committee did not look round and see the pieces of the allotment ground that were not cultivated; his piece, he said, was cultivated. He further objected to the tone of a note which had been sent to him and other holders prematurely directing them to quit their allotments.- The Vestry did not endorse Mr Hilliard's contention as to the unsuitability of these two holders to be occupiers of allotment ground, and their names were retained on the list, as was the name of a third holder objected to by Mr Hilliard. This latter holder, amid considerable laughter, expressed his thanks to Mr Hilliard for having moved that his allotment be not removed, adding that from the first lot of peas he had next year he would send Mr Hilliard some.

There were 4 vacant allotments on the list, and 60 applicants. The meeting resolved that the names of such of the applicants as were not present that might be passed over. Ultimately, after consideration, the following were elected to the four vacant allotments; Messrs Peacey, A. Buckingham, T. Morgan, and J. Jarman, who will accordingly, with the other holders whose names were passed this evening, be the holders of allotments up to the end of September, 1890.

60 men on the waiting list, 146 plot holders, four vacant plot Messrs. Peacey, A. Buckingham, T. Morgan, and J. Jarman were given plots

1890-09-27 (edited by SJC) Path road

On Thursday evening, a Vestry meeting was held at the Vestry hall, Ranelagh road, for the purpose of letting the Ealing Dean allotments for the ensuing year. There was a good attendance. Mr. J. W. Tidy was voted to the chair, and amongst those present were the Rev. J. S. Hilliard, Messrs. H.G. Parsons, Fountain, Grew, H. N. Atlee, G. H. Parsons, J. Figg, Smith, Chas. Atlee, B. Beavis, and others.

A Mr. Beavis wanted to talk about other allotments in the parish but the chair told him this was not for this committee to discuss, after some commotion he sat down.

Mr Tidy read that there were 146 allotments which 5 were vacant.

Mr. H. N. Atlee stated that the committee has instructed him to report that the allotments of Messrs. Green, Princess-road: Butcher, Grosvenor-road: Hankins, Cunningham-road: White, Williams-road: and Wade, Stephens Town, were badly kept. Mr Sims had also vacated his allotment – No.64.

Mr Grew spoke that a badly kept plot was a nuisance of other plot holders. It was decided that the names referred to should not be included in the list for the ensuing year. It was also resolved that the name of Mr. Crowe, Brownlow-road, should be withdrawn from the list of holders.

A Mr. Smith asked that a plot holder Mr. Morris, gardener should give up his plot as it has weeds some argument arose and no action was taken. Mr. H. N. Atlee reported that in addition to those allotments already dealt with were 5 whose holders had left the neighbourhood. The names of the holders were Messrs. Mussett, G. Sims, H. Kirkby, W. Brown, and C. Harris.

Mr. Tidy stated that the meeting had now 11 allotments to deal with. For these there were many applicants, some of whose names had been in the parish book as long as seven years. The following were given allotments: - John Berry, 63 Coningsby-road; P.C.Thos. Williams, Princes-road : Mark Giles, Northfield villas; Wm. Woodford, Avenue-road, Brentford ; Henry Rooke, 3 Washbourne-terrace ; Thos. Bagshaw, Northfield-road ; Chas. White, Northfield-road ; Wm. Edens, Coningsby-road.

Mr. Smith noted there was no balance sheet, he said if no balance sheet was shown plot holders should not pay their rent (laughter). Mr Charles Atlee, as treasurer to the committee, explained that the income was about £30 and expenses were at least £40. Mr Smith complained that no contemplated repairs had been done this year.

Mr. Grew : Do you know that a new road was made?

Mr. Smith Do you call that a new road? It is not made yet! (laughter).

Mr. Grew : Well, it is in preparation and when finished must be paid for.

Mr. Smith : Yes, But we ought to know how the money is spent. We don't mind giving a little towards it if you give us a straightforward balance-sheet (applause).

1891-09-26 (edited by SJC) Gates

A Vestry meeting for the annual letting of the plots on the Ealing Dean Allotment ground was held at the Vestry Hall Yesterday (Friday) evening. Mr. J. W. Tidy (Churchwarden) presided over a numerous attendance of working men interested in the allotments. Among others present were Rev. J. S. Hilliard ; Messrs. G Cannon and W Nye (overseers) ; F. J. Crisp, J. K. Wright, E Fountain, E Weatherley, etc.

There were six vacant plots caused by deaths, resignations and removal from the neighbourhood. The chairman added that various complaints had been made to the state in which certain of the allotments had been kept. Instead of those allotments producing the crops which it was expected they would yield, their chief productions appeared to be weeds. The committee had selected four plots that were of poor cultivation. New plots were elected for the six vacant plots:- H Stevenson, Northfield-villas, Charles Tagg, Florence-cottages, Green man lane ; William Robinson, Felix road. Two of the four plots of poor cultivation were let to John King, Northfield-road, Francis Davis, Endsleigh-road, Ealing Dean.

A Mr. Haley complained about the class of men of some of the plots not being labouring classes. He highlighted one cow keeper, one nurseryman, and one publican. Mr. Smith was a landlord of the "Black Horse" pub opposite the allotments. The proposition, on being put to the meeting, was lost, five voting for, and a larger number against it.

Mr Cannon then mentioned the advisability of greater protection being afforded to the allotment gardens by more efficient gates being provided. He said that at present the gates were either taken away altogether or were in a dilapidated state, with the result that children, and even animals, could get into the gardens. He thought that the allotment committee would confer a great benefit upon the occupiers if they could devise some means for placing the gates in proper order (hear, hear)

The Rev. J. S. Hilliard said that he did not think the gates would ever be in proper order until granite piers with iron swing gates that were self-shutting were erected. If the committee had not money sufficient to enable them to at once construct all the gates of this pattern, let them provide them one at a time (applause).

The Chairman remarked that the balance in the hands of the committee was £8 14s. 9d., and that was a sum which did not leave very much margin for providing granite piers and iron swing gates. He (Mr. Tidy) would, however, suggest that efforts should be made to obtain a remission of the amount (£3 5s.) charged for the poor rate in respect of this ground; if that amount were remitted, it could be added to the balance in hand. The land was already exempt from Local Board rate.

1892-10-01 (edited by SJC) Disorderly

A Vestry meeting was held in the Vestry Hall, Ranelagh road, on Wednesday evening, for the

purpose of letting the Ealing Dean Allotments for the ensuing year. At seven o'clock, the time appointed for the opening of the proceedings, there were only about forty persons present, but these numbers were speedily augmented until they reached 200 or more. Considerable disorder prevailed throughout the proceedings. Amongst those present were the Rev. J. S. Hilliard, and Messrs. G Boylan, H. C. Green, G Cannon, E. Weatherley, H. N. Atlee, R. W. Pittard, J. W. Tidy, vestry clerk, and many others. Mr Eden Smith and Mr. Caley, two allotment holders, whose continued tenure of plots has been the topic of unfavourable comment, occupied seats in the front. Mr. Boylan and Mr. Weatherley declined the nomination, and Mr. Boylan was elected. Mr. Caley moved that all the present allotment holders retain their holdings, and that the list be taken as-read.

Mr. Harman thought the vestry should know who the allotment holders were.

Mr. Haley rose to speak, but was greeted by Mr. Eden Smith and others with cries of "Sit down, You are not going to be heard to-night. We won't have it" Mr. Haley, shouting in stentorian tones, "Mr. Chairman" informed Mr. Eden Smith that the latter was not the chairman of that meeting. – Mr. Smith retorted that Mr. Haley would not be allowed to make a noise, and that if he created a disturbance he would be put out. – Mr. Sidley and others eventually inducted Mr. Smith to be quiet, and the Chairman asked if Mr. Haley desired to second Mr. Caley's proposition.

Mr. Haley replied that he did not wish to second any proposition, but to speak on behalf of the day labourers of Ealing

Mr. Weatherley (to Mr. Haley) : Before you put a question allow me,

Mr. Haley : I don't want to put a question. (cries of "Sit down")

Mr Haley was asked to leave the meeting but refused and criticised and commented and matters. He appeared to want only labourers and cottagers to hold plots as written in the Parliament Act.

143 plot holders were retained for another year. The chairman said there were three plots unlet and submitted the names of Messrs. Uxxxhart, Wheatley, and Hale as tenants.

1893 -08-12 (edited by SJC) Gates Please

A meeting on Thursday at the Ealing Vestry Hall, there were about 40 persons present including Messrs. G Boylan, J. K. Wright, W. B. Arman, E Weatherley, W Nye, E Fountain, J Caley, W. Langdon, Aldridge, G. H. Parsons, H. N. Atlee, W. West, J. Dalton, J. W. Tidy (vestry clerk) and others. Mr. Boylan was voted as chair.

Some details about the 1873 Act were discussed and that a committee of not less than 6 and of around 12 was needed, a committee of 12 was agreed. The committee was finally agreed as: -

The Rev. W. E. Oliver, the Rev. J. S. Hilliard, Messrs. G. Cannon, G. Manser?, G Boylan, E. Weatherley, J. K. Wright, H. G. Parsons, E. Fountain, J. Dalton, William Nye, and W. Grew.

Mr. Langdon was nominated to the committee but was disqualified as he was a plot holder. Mr Langdon asked that the question of gates be put forward. He repeated his complaint as to the loss sustained by himself and others through the absence of gates to the allotment grounds. The Chairman informed the meeting that the question of putting up a gate was under consideration of the existing committee. The chairman assured the meeting that a proper representation would be made to the new committee in reference to the grievance ventilated by Mr. Langdon. – Mr. Cook called attention to the need of an additional roadway through a portion of the grounds for the conveyance of manure to the plots, - The chairman informed Mr. Cook that it was estimated that a new road would cost £30. The matter would, however be submitted for consideration.

1894-08-11

On Thursday evening at the Vestry Hall the committee held a meeting for the letting of the allotment grounds. The Vicar was absent and Mr. Boylan (churchwarden) presided. The

Chairman proposed the current committee to stand again and Rev. Dr. Oliver, Rev. J. S Hilliard, and Messrs. J.K.Wright, G. Cannon, G Boylan, Weatherley, G. H. Parsons, E. Fountain, J. Dalton, Wm. Nye, W. Grew and G. Manser.

The list of plot holders were observed. There was 60 applicants on the waiting list. Mr. Holland had received notice to quit and requested to keep his plot. He explained that he was a plot holder for six years, and asked to keep his plot as he had improved the condition of the plot over that time.

The committee was re-elected but no details of any work was mentioned or vacant plots.

1895-08-31

The Rev. J.S. Hilliard had died some time before and at the meeting for the allotments the committee was elected: - The Rev. Dr. Oliver, Messrs. E Weatherley,, H. G. Parsons, E. Fountain, G. Cannon, W. Nye, J. K.Wright, J. Dalton, G. Manser, W. Grew, G. Weeden, and G. Boylan. No further details were given.

1896-01-18

Vestry meeting regarding division of land of Old Brentford and Ealing Parishes.

This meeting was held due to the new division of the parish of Ealing and Old Brentford. The item associated were Ealing Dean Allotment, Ealing Vestry Hall and appurtenances and Brentford Cage. The Rev.Dr. Oliver presided, and included Messrs. H.C. Green, Adamson, J. K. Wright, G. Boylan and Parsons ; with Mr. Tidy, clerk

Mr Garrard accordingly made a survey of the three properties mentioned, the following his report and valuation : -

Dear Sir

Ealing and Old Brentford parishes – Division of Property.

Having viewed the properties, and carefully considered the questions referred to me, I beg to report that I estimate their values as follows : -

The freehold of the allotment land, coupled with a condition that it can only be used for the purpose of allotments, at the sum of ... £2,780

The Vestry Hall and premises as freehold, together with the appurtenances and contents ... £2,412

The Cage at Brentford, as freehold ... £ 450

Yours faithfully Arthur Garrard

The division of the above figures work out as follows : -

Allotment land, one fourth of £2,780 .. £ 695

Vestry Hall, One fourth of £2,412 .. £ 603

Amount to be paid by Ealing to Brentford £1288

The Cage, three fourths of £450 (to be paid by Brentford to Ealing).. £337 10s.

Balance to be paid by Ealing to Brentford £960 10s.

1896 -09-04 Election of Committee

The Vestry Clerk had postponed the meeting as long as possible due to Rev. Dr. Oliver touring in Switzerland and the overseers and church wardens also being on holiday.

The only members of the old committee present were Messrs. J. K. Wright, G. Weeden, E Weatherley and E Fountain; the vestry also included T. Norris, Panton, G. Chambers, A Taylor, and a half dozen others.

After some deliberation the committee was agreed as:- Rev. Dr. Oliver, Messrs. Boylan, Nye,

Fountain, Wright, Cannon, Dalton, Parsons, Weeden, Chambers, Panton and Taylor, Messrs. Adamson and Weatherley being rejected.

1896-11-14 No Press

The committee decided not to allow press into the meetings. Mr. Norris noted that having to mention names of plot holders would cast aspersions on their character, and they did not wish this. The press took a rather dim view of this

1897-02-13 No press

The press reiterate that the committee should allow press, although this is not the correct time of year.

1897-03-26 Press allowed Special meeting Standpipes

A Special meeting of the Ealing Dean Allotments was held on the 18th March 1897. To consider tenders for the erection of eight new standpipes, the laying of a little additional piping, and the erection of forty-two feet of unclimbable fencing. Two tenders were opened – Mr. Humphreys, £20, and Mr. West, £35 18s. The former was unanimously accepted.

1898-02-12 Meeting Gate repairs

An ordinary meeting of the ealing dean allotments committee was held at the Vestry Hall on Thursday last week. Nine members were present. Mr Parsons presiding. Two vacancies were filled up by the granting of allotments to Messrs. J. Newton and G. Spailles. It was decided to give notice to two holders to quit their allotments, as they had not taken any notice of the letters sent to them by the committee calling attention to the neglected state of their grounds. It was proposed that the repairs to gates, etc. had been carried out by Mr. Humphreys of Ealing Dean, to the satisfaction of the sub-committee. The remainder of the meeting was occupied by the consideration of tenders for other repairs and improvements on the allotments.

1898-03-11 Timpson repairs

A meeting of the Ealing Dean committee was held at the Vestry Hall on the 3rd inst. There were present Mr. Parsons (in the chair), and Messrs, Bullock, Chambers, Fountain, Johnson, Norris, Taylor, and H. N. Atlee (clerk), - Mr. Timpson's tender (£7 2s. 6d.) for sundry repairs was accepted, and two vacant plots of ground were allotted to Messrs. Walter Palmer and T. W. Thomas respectively.

1898-08-13 Plot inspection before yearly meeting

A meeting of the Ealing Dean Allotment committee took place on Saturday, When Messrs. H. N. Atlee, T. Bullock, J. Dalton, A. Taylor, E. Fountain, and G. Weeden attended. The committee inspected the allotments, and found them all in very good condition.

1898-09-03 The years' work

On Thursday evening a meeting of the Ealing Dean Allotment committee was held at the vestry hall Ranelagh-road, Ealing. When Mr. T Bullock presided. There were also present Messrs. H. G. Parsons, T. Norris, E. Fountain, J. Dalton, A. Taylor and H.N. Atlee (clerk). The only business

transacted was the reading of the report to be presented to the vestry and the settling of a few minor details with respect to road making.

Subsequently, in another part of the hall, the vestry meeting was held, when all the above mentioned gentleman attended. In addition there were also present Messrs. J. Box, R. Sidgwick, H. Armriding, G. Cannon, and others. Mr Sidgwick was voted to the chair.

The report of the committee was read by Mr Norris from which it transpired that since the appointment of the committee in the preceding August there has been 11 meetings, and the attendance of the members was as follows:-T. Bullock, 11 ; A. Taylor 11 ; T. Norris, 9 ; J. Johnstone 9 ; E. Fountain, 9 ; H. G. Parsons, 8 ; W. Panton, 8 ; J. Dalton, 7 ; G. Weedon, 6 ; G. Chanilers, 7 ; G. Cannon 1 ; Rev. W. E. Oliver, 1 The Rev Oliver was the chairman: Norris the treasurer; and Mr. H. N. Atlee the clerk. The committee had inspected the allotments on several occasions, and found them in good order with a few exceptions. During the year 10 vacancies had occurred, and allotments had been allotted to the applicants whose names are highest on the list. The last name had been down since 1894. Several improvements had taken place during the year, such as repairing the gates, fixing new plate on the allotments, and so forth ; and in the autumn it was hoped to make a new road on the west side of the allotments so that the holders may have better access to their plots. The committee was pleased to say that the water supply to the allotments was now by meter, and a considerable saving was thus effected. Some of the allotment holders were using their ground for the storage of manure, but a notice was now issued stating that only the manure required for the ground is to be placed there in the future. The thanks of the committee were tendered to 24 kindly super tending the carrying out of various branches of work during the year. The year's balance sheet was then read. And details given in the original newspaper article.

1899 07 26

A meeting of the Ealing Dean allotments committee was held last week. The chairman the Rev. Dr Oliver, presiding, There were also present Messrs Weeden, Dalton, Chambers, Bullock, Johnson, Taylor, Panton, and Fountain with Mr H.N. Atlee, clerk. The business before the committee had reference to the Occupation Rd leading to model cottages after perusing the deed of possession of the allotments the chairman said there was no doubt that the road belonged to the committee.

Mr Bullock: Can we debar them entering it? They have cut it in two places - The chairman thought the committee could not, and the deed stated "a sufficient quantity of land shall be reserved for convenient roads and footpaths and frontages to houses where necessary". - The committee considered at some length the question of a trespass, which it was alleged was about to be made on the allotments, and concluded - what was obvious from the first - that it must wait until the trespass was actually made before taking action.

1899 08 26 MR Bullock and encroachments

The meeting of the Ealing Dean allotments committee was held at the vestry hall Ealing on Tuesday evening last, when the following members attended: -Messrs Bullock, G.Cannon, Fountain, Johnson, W. Panton, Taylor and Weeden, Members and Mr. H. N. Atlee, clerk.

The clerk reported that both the chairman and the vice chairman were away on their holidays and that it would be necessary that the committee to appoint a term and for that evening.

Mr Panton was then unanimously elected to the chair.

THE CONDITION OF THE GATES

Mr Fountain said the gate at the pound was in very bad condition. It seemed to be falling to

pieces and he thought it was quite time something was done to it.

Mr Cannon: Were these repairs recommended by the inspection committee?

Mr Fountain: Not recommended only brought forward

The clerk said it was a recommendation

Mr Cannon: I should be in favour of that being carried out

The chairman said he had again inspected the gate and had found it to be in a very bad condition. Mr Weeden: And the other one down the lane, too

The chairman read a specification he had prepared as to what in his opinion needed doing

Mr. Johnson: Didn't Mr Humphries repaired the gate at the pound last year?

The chairman replied no, that was the gate next to Norcote's. The hook was altered. Nothing was done to this gate except painting

After further discussion, Mr cannon proposed that the specification read by the chairman to be sent to Mr Humphries to carry out the work. This was seconded by Mr Fountain and carried.

ARE ALL THE ALLOTMENTS THERE?

Mr Bullock, in accordance with notice, moved that the whole allotments be measured in accordance with the old plan to see if they had got all they were entitled to. If they recollected, the old original plan was produced by Mr Tidy at one of their meetings, and there was supposed to be a certain acreage, but there had been encroachments - and one encroachment especially was from St. John's church to the pond, which he proposed, according to rule, to reduce to the original size, because there had been an encroachment on the allotments

Mr Cannon: You refer to the path?

Mr Bullock: replied yes, the path now was 10 feet wide originally it was not more than four feet. He wanted it brought back to the original size, otherwise there would be an attempt later on. The deed of settlement in regard to the common rights said that the path should not be more than four feet wide. There was an encroachment on the allotment holders and therefore they were at a loss.

Mr Cannon: The encroachment is that there is 10 feet instead of four feet

Mr Bullock: I want it brought back to four feet. Continuing, Mr Bullock said the District Council was good enough - he might say bad enough - going against their wishes when they asked them to tar-pave that path; instead of doing that, he would not mention the circumstances which he knew perfectly well - but instead of doing that they broke up the old path and laid down sand which was supposed to be hogglin. The fact of the matter was that the path was in a ten thousand times worse state than it was before and cost more than the tar-paving would cost.

Mr Cannon: I must say that it is in a bad state now

Mr Bullock said the councillors would admit that it was in a worse state than it was previously. Therefore the very day they commenced that he went to Mr Weeden to go over and see Mr Atlee to see if he could do anything in the matter but Dr. Oliver was in too great a hurry to hear anything he had to say on the matter, otherwise he proposed to him to reduce the width and tar-pave the path to the proper width, which would be beneficial to the allotments and also to the ratepayers at large.

The Chairman: Would the council have it if it was brought to four feet?

Mr Bullock: Perhaps so.

The Chairman: Perhaps not.

Mr Bullock: They took away better stuff than they put on.

Mr Fountain: Thought it was folly to endeavour to reduce that path. The council may have encroached, but what was the good to bring it back to the four feet? There would not be room, and the public would walk on the allotments. He did not see that by reducing the path to four

feet they would do any benefit to the allotment holders. They might have the benefit of holding their right, but a benefit to the allotment holders it could not be, because people would walk on the allotments Mr Bullock was sorry to see a member who was a party to encroach on the allotments. The deed of settlement said that there should be no encroachment.

Mr Weeden: There is an encroachment.

Mr Bullock: Most decidedly.

Mr Atlee: In the original deed there is no such word as "encroachment"

Mr Bullock: There is not! What does it say then?

The Clerk read the clause, which said that "convenient" roads should be provided.

Mr Bullock said he would go a little further. What was every allotment supposed to consist of?

The Clerk: 20 poles

Mr Bullock: I guarantee these parties have not got it

The Chairman: The people walk on the allotments now.

Mr Bullock: There used to be a ditch each side of the path, and they have gradually encroached on the allotment holders.

Mr Weeden thought they ought to have some posts along the path, or else they would soon have the path 16 feet wide.

Mr Bullock: Ah, and 20

Mr Cannon asked did they not think they could come to some understanding as to what they thought should be the most convenient width of the path? They knew very well that what was sufficient 4 years ago when there were fewer people about was not sufficient now. The best way he thought was to approach the council and make a request that they would like to see this path tar-paved six feet, and the committee go to the expense of putting posts and why up to keep the boundary. They had a perfect right to make the path 6 feet if it was necessary, and he considered it was necessary.

Mr Bullock would second that with pleasure

Mr Fountain asked if that was a public path, and if they had any right to interfere at all.

Mr Bullock: Most decidedly we have.

Mr Fountain: I merely asked it so that we could discuss the matter.

Mr Cannon: The council will take their position in the matter whatever it is.

The motion was then put and carried.

At the last meeting it was carried that the allotment should be measured and that the question now came up who should be employed. In the course of a discussion which ensued, Mr cannon said that to pay it of a fee to measure the whole of the allotments seemed to him absurd. If the hedges and ditches were there, they had the land there. If there was some encroachment at a particular part, have that measured. Mr Bullock, who had previously hinted that the committee should measure it, said that Mr Cannon was "misconstruing" the idea altogether. It was only the measure of the whole lot as it stood.

Mr Cannon: It must be there if the ditches and hedges are there.

Mr Bullock: It is only proved by testing. I have something here as to encroachment.

Mr Cannon: It means that we shall have to have a professional man.

Mr Bullock: No Sir

Mr. Chairman: Who is going to do it then?

Mr Cannon: To measure the whole I don't think it necessary.

The Chairman: If you measure that, there are two or three roads short. (maybe miss heard should be "rods") where are you going to make it up?

Mr Weeden: And whom are you going to give it to?

The clerk thought they should find there was more land for the old occupation Rd was taken in.

Mr Cannon proposed that the resolution be rescinded. The Clerk thought notice of motion would have to be given.

Mr Cannon did not want to go against Mr Bullock to have the allotments measured, but he thought it should be confined to the portion that they had a doubt about. He thought it was not necessary to have the whole measured.

Mr Fountain said his firm opinion was that they had no right to the road mentioned by Mr Bullock at all.

Mr Bullock, who had previously referred to an alleged encroachment in the laying out of the adjoining estate, moved that posts and wire be placed across to cut their part off.

The Clerk said that they would have to go before the churchwardens and overseers as they would place it before the Lord of the Manor.

Mr Cannon thought the question should be adjourned.

Mr Box, who was present representing the churchwardens, said this matter was sprung on him altogether. He knew nothing of the matter whatever. He considered that in the interests of all parties this matter should be adjourned, when they would be able to get a full attendance of the churchwardens and overseers.

Mr. Cannon would propose that it be adjourned.

Mr Box said he had reason to believe there was an encroachment.

Mr Fountain: Who is making the encroachment?

Mr Bullock: The owners on the opposite side.

Mr Fountain: Is it the District Council?

Mr Bullock: Oh, no; private enterprise,

Mr Fountain said the District Council were at work there that day grubbing the hedge and filling up the ditch.

Mr Box said the duty of the committee was to report, and leave it to the Lord of the Manor.

Mr Cannon: I think we must really come to business. I move that this be adjourned for a month.

Mr Bullock moved as an amendment that the wire and posts be placed across the road.

The Chairman: That has already been proposed.

Mr Cannon: I think you can move that afterwards.

The Clerk: If the resolution is passed, who is going to give the order? I am not going to make myself liable to the action.

Mr. Johnson seconded Mr Cannon's proposition.

Mr Bullock persisted with his amendment.

The Clerk: I flatly refused to give the order, Mr Bullock. If I give the order I shall render myself liable to an action.

Mr Bullock: I don't see it.

Mr Taylor seconded the amendments, which was lost, only three voting in favour.

Mr Cannon's proposition was then put and carried unanimously.

Other minor matters were settled by the committee.

1901 -03-23

A complaint from the District Council

A letter was read from the Ealing District Council calling the committee's attention to the bad state of the railing round the pond, and the clerk was ordered to reply that it was the committee's intention to make good the railing bordering on the allotments round the pond and draw the council's attention to the misuse made of the conveniences and asking that due supervision be exercised to prevent its reoccurrence.

The numbering of allotments.

Mr Dean complained of the very bad way in which the allotments were numbered and said it was a very great difficulty at the present time for the judges to find out the numbers of the allotments. After a short discussion it was agreed that the clerk advise the allotment holders to place the numbers of their allotments in a prominent position facing the principal path.

Protection of the allotments

One of the allotment holders wrote asking permission of the committee to allow him to place barbed wire a round his allotment to prevent children trampling on his vegetables. The ground was next to the road. The committee raised no objection and the clerk was instructed to write and give the holder permission to put barbed wire round his allotment.

Ealing, Acton & Hanwell Horticultural Society

1883- 07- 14 Annual summer show

Nothing succeeds like success, is an old and universally admitted truism, and to this gratifying cause is to be accorded the almost unprecedented success attending the annually reoccurring summer show of plants, Flowers and vegetables under the auspices of the Ealing, Acton and Hanwell horticultural Society. That this success has become more and more apparent every year there cannot be 2 opinions, and SoC now stand in the proud position of being one of the most prosperous and useful of its kind that exist within a radius of many miles of London. In speaking thus of the SoC we are not preferring so much to its finances as to the popularity it has attained, and the good it has accomplished in promoting a healthy spirit of competition among gardeners and others in the cultivation of Flowers and plants, while the important class of the community coming under the designation of the cottagers have been aroused to try to emulate the professional gardener, as far as may be, in bringing to perfection vegetables and other things which their limited means enable them to cultivate; and the system of bestowing prizes on the most successful has had an important and beneficial influence on the enthusiasm imported into the competition . Started to improve cottage gardening, this SoC still adheres to its original programme in this particular, while in other respects it has extended its borders, to the welfare of it constitution and aims, as well as to the benefit of the public at large. A past 19 years, during which the society has had a being has not, however, been without its peculiar difficulty's, but through the indomitable perseverance of Mr R. dean - Who is , Moreover, thoroughly I will fry with every phase of floricultural and horticultural enterprise- and the support he has received from the committee and members generally, this SoC now occupies a position of undoubted superiority over anything yet attained.

The judges

Of the different departments were as follows: - ladies classes , Mrs EM Nelson , Mrs C Barker, Mrs HB Smith, Mrs heathcoate , miss Christy and Mrs Hudson; open and special classes - Mr J James, Mr pee McKinlay, Mr Jay Burley come on Mr Jay Roberts, J Tegg, Mr William Dean, and Mr Jay Woodridge; allotment and flower gardens - Mr W Smith, Mr G cannon, Mr Jay Hudson , and Mr Richard Dean. They were assisted in the arduous task by a numerous and l of willing workers, and while they succeeded in giving general satisfaction, we have heard rumours of complaint; Indeed in the case of an exhibition on so large a scale, it would be impossible to give entire satisfaction, especially when only a limited time is given for adjudicating. There awards will be found Julie criminalised in the appended.

Cottagers classes

Special prizes.

Class AA (by the Baroness de Rothschild, supplemented by Mrs Walpole, with £3 3s), for the best kept cottage garden or allotment: 1st prize Joseph Brooks; 2 John Farndon (having taken first prize in 1882, could not take it again this years), 3. Edward Cane, 4 W Farndon, 5 Eden Smith, 5 W Strout, 7 W Peasey, S W Randall, 9 A Butler, 10 H W Stamp, 11 H Payne, 12 C Clark, 13 David Green, 14 W Pemberton, 15 E H Cackett, 16 J Edwards, 17 John Giles, 18 W Weal, 19 J Wilson, 20 L Jennings : extra John Lovell (Acton), and W Skinner.

Class BB (by E M Nelson, esq., £2 2s, and R Willey, esq., £1 1s) for best kept flower garden : 1. W Jennings, Gunnersbury lane, 2 G Platt, Pay's Cottage, Ealing 3. J Lovell, Gunnersbury Lane, Acton, 4 J Rook, Church Place, Ealing, 5 C Sargood, Church Place, Ealing, 6 T Webb, Church Place, Ealing, 7 H Goatly jun., Church Place, Ealing 8 A Holding, Grove-place, Ealing

Class CC (By James Dubac and Stephen Holman, Esq.) Collection of six dishes of vegetables, distinct : 1 W Farndon, 2 J Farndon, 3 David Green Church -place, Ealing, 4 J Brooks, Northfield villas, Ealing

Class DD (By Admiral Sir R Collinson, K.C.R) 6 varieties of Hardy annuals, sown and grown in open ground, distinct and named: 1 W Farndon, 2 David Green, 3 W H Furnell, the Styne, Acton

Class EE (by Harcourt turner esq.) collection of fruit, four distinct sorts : 1 E Cane, 2 J Giles, Alacross road Ealing, 3 W Peasey, 4 W Weal Hanger hill cottage, 5 J Farndon, David Green

Class FF(by Miss Caine), collection of vegetables, viz. 9 round white potatoes, 9 kidney white potatoes, 9 carrots, 9 autumn sown onions: 1 W H Stamp, The grove, Ealing. 2 W Farndon, J Farndon, 4 David Green

Class GG (by Mrs Minty), three dishes of vegetables distinct: 1 E H Cackett, J Giles, 3 C Sargood, 4 J Brooks

Class HH (By the Rev. E W Relton, vicar of Ealing) The best arranged and most attractive outside window box of plants not to exceed 4ft in length, which must be planted not later than June 1st, and the entries must be made to the Hon. Secretary by that date. No entries

Class II (first prize a dress piece by Mr Eldred Sayers, draper, Broadway, Ealing.)Two dishes of potatoes: 1 W H Stamp, 2 E H Cackett, J Farndon, G Slatter, 5 David Green, 6 W Farndon

Class KK (first prize a time piece by Mr. Alfred Pooley, watchmaker, etc. High street Ealing) 24 Pods of long pod beans: 1 W Farndon, 2 E Cane, 3 J Brooks, 4 D Green, 5 J Farndon, 6 J Giles, 7 W H Stamp, 8 J Edwards, Elm place, the green

Class LL (by Mr. J W Tidy, Auctioneers, St Marys Road, Ealing) two window plants, grown in pots in the windows by the exhibitors: 1 J Elliott, Park cottages, Acton, 2 C Sargood, 3 W Farndon, 4 J Lovell

Class MM (first prize an ornamental cake: second prize, two roast fowls, by Miss Moon, Oxford House, Ealing) Three specimen plants: 1 C Sargood, 2 J Lovell, 3 J Giles, no other awards

Class NN (first prize, a tea tray by Mr. H S Timpson, furnishing ironmonger, 8 High street, Ealing) six bunches of garden flowers, grown by the exhibitor in the open air: 1 J Brooks, 2 C Sargood, 3 J Lovell, 4 W Peasey, W Farndon

Class OO (first prize, a man's hat, by J Sanders, Draper and gentleman's outfitter, High street Ealing) Tray of vegetables six kinds only: 1 W Farndon, 2 J Lovell, 3 W H Stamp, 4 W Randall, 5 W Peasey, 6 D Green, 7 J Brooks, 8 A Butler, Princes road ealing

Class PP (first prize, an alarm clock, by Mr H Winch, Watchmaker and jeweller. Esplanade, Ealing) Four dishes of vegetables, distinct varieties: 1 W Farndon, 2 J Brooks, 3 G Slatter, 4 W Street

Class QQ (first prize, a new spade : second a digging fork, by Messrs. Jones Bros. Furnishing Ironmongers, Broadway ealing) Nine Onions, autumn sown: 1 J Farndon, W Frandon, 3 W Street, J Edwards, 5 J Giles, 6 A Butler,

Class RR (first prize, a picture: second prize a picture by Messrs. Wilkinson bros, Picture dealers, etc. High street ealing W) Two dishes of Potatoes, two varieties, Nine of each: 1 J Brooks, 2 C Sargood, 3 W H Stamp, 4 E H Cackett, 5 D Green, 6 J Lovell, 7 G Slater, 8 J Farndon

Class SS (by E T Brown, Broadway) Specimen plant: 1 J Giles. 2 J Lovell. 3 J Elliott, W Farndon.

Society's Prizes

Class 1, Strawberries, one dish (30 fruits): 1 W Peasey, 2 J Brooks, 3 W Weal, 4 W Farndon

Class 2 Gooseberries, One dish (30 or 50? Fruits): 1 J Brooks, 2 J Giles, 3 W Weal, 4 David Green, 5 J Twell, 6 E cane

Class 3 Red currants one dish(30 bunches): 1 C Sargood, 2 J Brooks, 3 J Giles, 4 W Weal, 5 W Peasey, 6 J Lovell

Class 4 Black currants, (30 or 50 bunches): 1 W Weal, 2J Giles, 3 W Peasey, J Twell, 5 J Brooks, 6 W Farndon

Class 5 White currants one dish (30 bunches): J Edwards, 2 W weal, 3 W Peasey, 4 W Street, 5 David Green

Class 6 Coloured Potatoes, 9 (one variety) :1 C Sargood, 2 W H Stamp, 3 Alfred Butler, 4 David Green, 5J Brooks, 6 J Edwards, 7 G Slatter, 8, W Weal.

Class 7 Peas 50 pods: 1 J Giles, 2 W Peasey, 3 W Street, 4 E H Cackett, 5 J Venn, 6 W Farnham, 7 J Farnham, 8 David Green.

Class 8 Three Cabbages: 1 J Venn, 2 W Weal, 3W Peasey, 4 W H Stamp, 5W Street.

Class 9 Broad beans 24 pods: 1 J Farnham, 2 W H Stamp, 3 W Street, 4 E Cane, J Giles, 6 W Farnham, 7C Sargood, 8 Joseph Brooks

Class 10 Two vegetable marrows: 1 W Street, 2 George Slatter, 3 W H Stamp, 4Joseph Brooks,

Class 11 Three Lettuce: 1 J Lovell, 2 W H Stamp, 3 Joseph Brooks, 4 C Sargood, 5 W Farndon, 6J Farndon, 7 E Cane, 8 W Street

Class 12 Rhubarb 6 Sticks: 1 E Cane, 2 J Giles, 3 Joseph Brooks, 4 David Green, 5 W Street, 6 W H Stamp.

Cottagers and children's tent

By reason chiefly of the childrens exhibits in this tent it was one of the most numerously patronised throughout the day, and perhaps the cottage's will not object to standing for the moment aside until the juveniles have received their due share of attention. Except insofar as we can tell from the awards, we do not know what the judges thought of the 300 and out bouquets sent in by the youngsters, but we have little doubt but that the verdict would be similar to our own- that the nosegays in very many instances Disclosed a true taste and skill in the selection and arrangement of Flowers, ferns, and grasses. a hint or two to the children may be of use. The rules include one which says that the nosegays must be shown in a vessel containing water, but in this vessel happens to be a pickle jar, there is no regulation prescribing that the label of crossing Blackwell or any other wholesale dealers in condiments must remain on the bottle. In the competition for wild Flowers and grass is, again it is not sufficient to send only grass's, pretty as these may be. The judicious admixture of leaves among the Flowers is a point some of the children should attend to, I'm by the introduction avoid crowding the Flowers into a tasteless mass. The children's exhibition, however was one of the prettiest sights of the day, and thanks to the liberality of Mrs Nelson Mrs heathcoate (who contributed I Guinea H so that the competitors might all receive a small reward, and to Mr Brown and his cakes), there isn't reason to believe that no exhibitor went empty away to turn to the good cottages .

In class 112 , Mr W Farndon showed good beans , onions, and peas; Wilson (2nd)both noticeable by his potatoes, and Cane (3rd)had capital peas and nice carrots. This exhibitor I first in the next class for collection of fruits; he had very good cherries, gooseberrys and strawberries nearly all good. #2 (peasley)had some excellent strawberries , and #3 (farndon) strawberries, goseberry's, and black currants that were worth seeing. Lovell,#4 in this class , had some fine white currants. Raspberries and blackcurrants but pretty good too throughout the class. George Matthews took first in the competition for miss Caines prize for a collection of vegetables, including round white and kidney potatoes, carrots and onions. His was a good all round lot; number two had potatoes good. The class was well represented. The marrows and peas of William Randall in the next class were worthy of the award they obtained, while in class 116 (strawberries)the fruit sent by number 1 , 2, 3, and four were each well developed. The prize for two dishes of potatoes, given by Mr Sayers, drew forth 16 entries, And was one with a handsome clean grown lot by W Street the priced beans in class 118 were creditable, though the rest were but a mediocre sample . There were nine entries in class 121, and Charles Sargood bore away Mr timpson's prize . The exhibits were a capital locked, and 2nd man also showed a pretty collection. The tray of vegetables in which W Randall one contained good marrows, and was altogether a nice array. 10 competitors came forth for Mr winch's prize, and among them the winners sample were without doubt superior among the dishes shown. No fewer than 18 thought they had a chance of securing one or other of the prizes offered by Mrs Jones, 49 onions , autumn stone; and though there was enough of a good garlic among them to have sent sancho panza into ecstasy's, yet they clean grown lot of W Randall would almost certainly have been selected by that epicure for a relish. this number of entries was exceeded in the potato class, when 26 entered the lists, the first prize falling to W street. Gooseberrys and blackcurrants fell to William Weal- rhubarb was large, but not monstrous; good redcurrants were shown in class 131, Sargood's please book commendable in class 135 , lettuces were poor, as they have been everywhere . 5 great white marrows, shown by Frederick Wilkinson, were doubtless coveted by many spectators .

Cottagers Classes

Special prizes

Class 110 (By Baroness de Rothschild, supplemented by Mrs. Walpole with £3 3s.) For the best kept cottage garden or allotment: 1st Prize John Farndon; 2nd Wm Farndon; 3rd Wm Randall; 4th Joseph Brooks; 5th James Edwards; 6th J. Venn, Acton; 7th W Peasey; 8th Geo Slatter; 9th Wm Weedon; 10th Jno Giles; 11th James Wilson; 12th E Cane; 13th Eden Smith; 14th W Street; 15th Jno Lovell, Acton; 16th Wm Pemberton, Acton; 17th Wm Weal; 18th H W Stamp; 19th C Clark, Acton; 20th Alfred Butler; 21st W Claridge; 22nd David Green.

Class 111 (By E M Nelson esq. £2 2s. : and R Willey esq. £1 1s.) for the best kept cottage garden or flower garden : 1st Wm Jennings, Gunnersbury lane, Acton, having taken 1st prize last year, had to content himself with second this year, the first being taken by Charles Sargood, whose garden was second in point of quality; 3rd G Platt; 4th Henry Gostley?; 5th John Lovell; 6th Thos Webb; 7th W H Jewell; 8th Alfred Holding; 9th James Wilson,

Class 112 (by Stephen Holman esq.,) collection of six dishes of vegetables distinct: 1st Wm Farndon; 2nd James Wilson, 3rd Jos Brooks, 4th John Farndon.

Class 113 (by Harcourt Turner esq.,) collection of fruits, four distinct sorts: 1st Edward Cane, 2nd W Peasey, 3rd James Wilson; 4th Wm Weal, 5th John Giles, 6th John Farndon.

Class 114 (by Miss Cane) collection of vegetables, viz, nine round white potatoes , nine kidney white, nine carrots, nine autumn sown onions: 1st Geo Matthews,; 2nd James Wilson; 3rd Wm Farndon; 4th Jos Brooks.

Class 115 (by Mrs Minty) three dishes of vegetables distinct : 1st Wm Randall; 2nd John Giles, 3rd Jos Brooks, 4th James Wilson.

Class 116 (by Miss Collinson, The Haven ealing) dish of strawberries, 20 fruits: 1st Wm. Peasey: 2nd David Green: 3rd John Giles; 4th Jon Brooks.

Class 117 (by Mr Eldrd Sayers, draper, Broadway, Ealing), two dishes of Potatoes: 1st Wm Street; 2nd James Wilson; 3rd Wm Randall; 4th Geo Matthews; 5th James Brooks; 6th E H Cackett.

Class 118 (By Messrs. Waite, Bros. Hosiers and outfitters, Broadway House Ealing) 24 pods of Long pod beans; 1 J Farndon; 2nd William Farndon; 3rd J Brooks; 4th James Wilson; 5th William Randall; 6th E H Cackett; 7th William Street; 8th John Giles.

Class 119 (By J W Tidy, auctioneers, St. Mary's Road, Ealing) two window plants grown in windows by the exhibitors; 1st John Lovell; 2nd John Giles; 3rd William Farndon; 4th William Weal.

Class 120 (By Mr. J Moon, confectioner, Oxford House, Ealing) three specimen plants; 1st Charles Sargood; 2nd John Lovell; 3rd John Giles;

Class 121 (By H S Timpson, furnishing ironmonger, 8? High Street, Ealing) six bunches of garden flowers, grown by the exhibitors in the open air, to be shown in water; 1st Charles Sargood; 2nd William Jennings; 3rd Edward Cane; 4th William Farndon; 5th John Giles.

Class 122 (By Mr J Sanders, draper and gentlemen's outfitter, High street, Ealing) tray of vegetables, six kinds only; 1st William Randall; 2nd William Farndon; 3rd Eden Smith; 4th Slatter; 5th John Farndon; 6th David Green; 7th John Lovell.

Class 123 (By Mr H Winch, watchmaker and jeweller, Esplanade, Ealing), Four dishes of vegetables, distinct varieties: 1st E H Cackett; 2nd John Farndon; 3rd John Venn; 4th John Lovell and William Weal (equal)

Class 124 (By Messrs. Jones Bros., furnishing ironmongers, Broadway, Ealing) nine onions, autumn sown: 1st William Randall; 2nd James Edwards; 3rd William Street; 4th John Venn; 5th George Slatter; 6th William Weal.

Class 125 (By Messrs. Wilkinson Bros, Picture dealers, etc.) two dishes of potatoes, two varieties, nine of each: 1st William Street; 2nd Eden Smith; 3rd George Slatter; 4th Jos. Brooks; 5th John Lovell; 6th John Venn; 7th David Green; 8th James Edwards.

Class 126 (By Mr E T Brown, confectioner, Broadway, Ealing) specimen plants 1st John Lovell; 2nd William Weal; 3rd William Farndon; 4th Charles Sargood.

Class 127 (By Mr. J G Eden, baker, confectioner, etc. 8 High Street, Ealing) nine white potatoes, round or kidney, one variety: 1st William Street; 2nd James Edwards; 3rd E H Cackett; 4th Charles Sargood; 5th William Randall; 6th James Wilson; 7th William Weal; 8th Edward Cane.

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Judges of allotment gardens: Mr J Roberts, Gunnersbury Park; Mr George Cannon, Ealing Nursery; Mr. J Hudson, Gunnersbury House.

Cottager's tent

Although the children's competition for the best arranged bouquet of wild flowers and grasses, and garden flowers respectively, were classed under the cottagers exhibits, the extensive character which the competition assumed precluded the possibility of their being staged in the cottagers tent, and room was therefore found in the adjoining one for the products of the little folks' industry and skill. In the competition for the best arranged bouquets of cultivated garden flowers there were 44 entries. This was a really excellent collection, the ladies who undertook the judging however giving their awards less for beauty of the flowers themselves than for their tasteful arrangement. The first prize was awarded for a basket arranged with much taste by Edith Biggs, this being the only novelty displayed, the majority of the exhibits being put up in the usual bouquet style, very pretty no doubt, but still savouring somewhat of sameness. The competition in the other children's class for the best arranged bouquet of wild flowers, gathered and made up by the exhibitors, secured a still larger number of entries, upwards of 140 bouquets being shown, a great improvement in the making up of which was noticeable as compared with previous shows. Large, however, as was the number of exhibitors in the foregoing classes, the prizes, ordinary and extra, through the liberality of Mrs. Wood, Mrs. Crowther, C T Amhurst, esq. G J Foster, esq and Mr E T Brown, confectioner, The Broadway, were equal in number to the entries, the contingency of any one of the little people's industry going unrewarded was, therefore, effectually guarded against. Turn to the cottagers classes: the special prize in the memory of the late baroness de Rothschild, supplemented by Mrs. Walpole with £3 3s. for the best kept cottage garden or allotment, the first prize of 30s was secured by H. W Stamp, of The Grove, Ealing. The entries in this class were so numerous, and the competition was so keen that the committee decided to give six extra prizes, making the total number of prizes in this class 26. The names and addresses of the winners are given in the prize list in another column. In the next class, 116, the prizes of "2 2s. and £1 1s. given by E N Nelson esq.

and R Willey Esq. were distributed among nine winners an extra prizes of 2s. 6d. being given by the society. The running was extremely close in this class also. Class 117 brought out a large number of entries, the first prize being awarded to Gee Matthews for a fine healthy looking tray of vegetables. Class 118 consisted of a medium show of fruit, of which the best feature was the exhibit of W Farndon. Miss collinsons prize in class 121 for the best dish of strawberries was secured by D green with some fine large fruit, the exhibits in the class generally being excellent. In the class 124, nine onions, autumn sown, W Weal came first with a fine dish of those vegetables, of firm flesh and colour, while J Farndon (Second prize) was not far behind, with a very healthy looking display. Class 125, for potatoes, produce one of the most extensive competitions in the show, and the judges must have had some difficulty in deciding to which exhibit the 1st place should be accorded seeing that the quality in this class was so good all round. In class 126 (specimen plant) On the contrary, the entries were so few that nearly every exhibitor obtained a prize. Class 128 (long pod beans) was well filled, and the eight prizes were well earned by the fine display which was made by the large number of competitors, the first prize being taken by E Smith for an unusually fine sample . In class 129 , 2 window plants, was a fairly extensive exhibit, the first prize being taken by W Jennings , with a fine double geranium and a fine shape fuchsia. The first prize in class 130 , three specimen plants, who was secured by G Sargood , whose exhibit included a fine bushy Musk plant and a nice double geranium, the other plants shown in the class not calling for special mention. In class 131, 6 brushes of Flowers grown by the exhibitor in the open air, R Jennings playing well to the front with a pretty display, winning the teapot presented by Mr Timpson, but was closely run by C Sargood, whose exhibit was scarcely inferior. Class 134, two dishes of peas, distinct varieties. We were sorry to see one of the best exhibits disqualified through inattention to the conditions, the two samples exhibited being apparently of the same variety. Please were not the strongest show in the cottages classes, not the best specimens shown were those of W Peasey, accordingly received the first prize. Mr Simonis' parcel of drapery for the best three cabbages, class 136, was secured by G Matthews , followed by G slatter . Class 139 brought out a fair show of goosberries in competition for the society's prizes . Many of the samples, I went to the early period of the season, were scarcely right , the best sample decidedly being that of J Brooks , which took first place. The same remark has two unripeness applies generally to class 140 and 141 , which were in other respects very good shows. In class 142 (whitecurrants) the first position was gained by J Edwards , with a dish of clear, pearly looking fruit. Class 143 (vegetable marrows), only produced two entries, and the third prize was not therefore awarded. Class 144 (two lettuces) brought out a great number of competitors, the average quality being very good, and the judges had some difficulty in making the awards, finally giving the first prize to W Farndon whose exhibit was slightly finer than that of W cave, who accordingly took second place. The last class was 145 (rhubarb) which produced a really commendable show, the whole of the stakes show being off abnormal size, the first position being awarded to some monsters grown by J Giles. on the how the cottages exhibits were highly commendable, and fully merited the large amount of attention bestowed upon them, especially on the second day, when the working class element naturally predominated, as compared to the somewhat this to see if company present on the opening day.

Other categories Singlehanded gardeners

Mr lindal , continuing his success , became entitled to the half Guinea bonnet offered by Mr Ruben Jones of the green, for collection of six vegetables . His neat baskets of beet, tomatoes come on parsley, cauliflower, French beans, potatoes and cucumber was in quality the superior of the three other collections. Mr Clark won first prize in both potato classes, the capital dish off

“international “ securing him the distinction among the whites (beating Mr lindall), and a fair sample of “beauty of Hebron” among the coloured Mr lindell , however, was again to the fore with broad beans, his dish of Carter's “leviathan” being superior to four other entries. The two marrow class is strange to say had not a single entry

Mr George Weedon, St. Johns nursery Ealing, had several most worthy exhibits . In the allcomers classes he won Premier honours for the best brace of cucumbers with best of all, far outdistancing seven other competitors; and he also exhibited a brace of the same variety not for competition; And singularly enough it was placed alongside one of the amateurs cucumbers, as if to instruct them as to the standard with cucumber growing they must aim at Mr weedon's chief decorative effort excited great attention.

Bees and be keeping

As usual at this annual show, there was a bee tent, and several willing hands ready to show Beekeepers with rapid strides have been made of late years in the management of these interesting and profitable creatures. The tent on the occasion was in connexion with the Middlesex bee Association and was arranged to come up as in former years, so that visitors could witness the manipulation of the hives without the fear of being surrounded by terrified insects. Mr Kenworthy , who was assisted by an expert in the rev. V H Moyle , of the Berkshire bee Association , had charge of the tent, And carried out some interesting experiments, with a view of showing how honey can readily be extracted from the most old fashioned hives without destroying the bees. while the expert manipulation an old straw skep, Mr Kenworthy and the rev. Moyle explain the process, the latter remarking that the object of the society was to draw public attention to the question, not only with a view of saving the lives of the worker bees, but to show that the cultivation of bees could be made a most profitable business . He pointed out the cruelty of killing the bees to procure the honey, remarking that they did not kill the cow to get the milk, and that they ought not to kill the bees together honey. It was, therefore, not only impolitic to kill the bees, but also unprofitable. While this little lecture was going on, the expert was driving the bees from one skep to another. as soon as this had been accomplished , the Queen bee was captured, and handed round in a bottle for inspection. Driven swarm was also shown round to the visitors come up and one little lady among the audience called upon Mr Kenworthy to put his hand in among the dark mass of crawling insects. The command was no sooner given than the act was done, Mr Kenworthy “scooping “up a handful of bees allowing them to fall back into the skep without feeling a single sting. And this is what followed:- A Lady: Do those bees know you? Mr Kenworthy come on no; It is done by me gentleness and kindness,- the Rev Moyle continued his lecture by describing the three kinds of bees in which they were dealing - the Queen, the drone , and the worker- and by pointing out the importance of establishing bee society's in all parts of England. He reminded his audience that every year thousands of pounds went out of this country for the purchase of honey, which sums might ought to be spent at home in the purchase of the same luxury. He congratulated Middlesex upon having formed a bee Association of his own and expressed the hope that the proper keeping of bees would be more widely made known than it ever has been. In connexion with this part of the show there was a special tent for the exhibition of appliances for bee culture. This was occupied by Messrs Abbott bros. Of Southall, and representatives from the reading honey and wax Depot Messrs Abbott exhibited a large collection of appliances, including cone foundation, honey extractors, knives, bottles, supers, hives of all kinds, and a fine collection of honey. Among the hive was a specimen from Egypt, which was to have been exhibited at the invention's exhibition, but for which no place could be found. It was in appearance much like the Muzzle portion of an old

cannon - cylindrical in shape, and manufactured out of straw and camel manure photo for this peculiar hive the Egyptians Paul want to drive the days with smoke, much in the barbarous way in which many English beekeepers too at the present day.

On the stand occupied by the Reading Society once to be seen honey in a variety of shapes, manufacturers in bottles. among the more interesting articles were biscuits from the factory of Huntley and Palmer, all made with honey as the sweetening ingredient; Honey chocolate creams manufactured by Messrs Fry; liqueurs made with honey by Beckett ; And last, though not least, acorn and honey food for infants manufactured by Cross, which had only this week come into the market, and which is described as excellent for children. Then there were none intoxicating beverages in which honey figured conspicuously; honey jujubees, honey gargle, honey Salve, honey toothpaste, honey vinegar, honey so little and numerous other useful articles of everyday use, showing that a vast and valuable national income could be derived were beekeepers more alive to the importance of bee culture. In fact, this year's exhibition of bee and the bee appliances was one of the best ever seen in the district, and ought to be instrumental in awakening 100 to the importance of the subject.

Cottage Classes

Open only cottagers and poor men who really cultivate their own gardens and allotments, and whose rental for house and land does not exceed £15 per annum, and who work for daily wages and who must reside either in Ealing, Hanwell, Acton, or in that part of Brentford which is in the parish of Ealing.

Special Prizes

Class 115 (in memory of the late Baroness de Rothschild, supplemented by Mrs Walpole with £3.2s.) for the best kept cottage garden or allotment: 1, H.W. Stamp, 1, The Grove; 2, J. Farndon, 2, Vaughan terrace, Ealing Dean; 3. W. Farndon, 2, Washbourne-terrace; 4, Thomas Haggis, 2, Hanbury Road, South Acton; 5, W. Randall, 2, Northfield terrace, Ealing Dean; 6, Eden Smith, Holland Cottage, Felix- road; 7, J. Venn, 92, Shakespeare road, Acton; 8, J. Lovell, Gunnersbury-lane; 9, W. Peasey, 5, St. Matthew's road; 10, Robert Payne, 8, Hope Terrace, Ealing Dean; 11, W. Weal, 2, Hanger Vale Cottages?; 12, Alfred Burrows, 5, William's Cottage, Ealing Dean; 13, W. Claridge, 2, Rose Cottages, Avenue road; 14 W West, 33 Coningsby road; 15, A Simmonds, 5 Elizabeth place, Mattock Lane; 16, Edward Cave, 3 Stevens Cottages, Ealing Dean; 17 W.

Weeden, 10 Prospect place, Haven green; 18 John Sidley, 5 Northfield villas; 19, James Edwards, 5 Elm place; 20, John Giles, 21 Alacross road, South Ealing; 21 J Brooks, 2 Northfield Villas; 22 John Russell, 6 Avenue Cottages, Haven Lane; 23 Peter Richards, 12 Prospect place, Haven green; 24, E H Cackett, 31 Grove place, Churchfields, Acton; 25 G Matthews, 1 Packington terrace, South Acton; 26 W Pemberton, Albert cottage, Gunnersbury lane.

Class 116 (By E M Nelson, esq, £2 2s. and R Wiley esq. £1 1s.) for the best kept flower garden; 1 John Lovell, Gunnersbury lane; 2, W Jennings, 3 Clifton cottages, Gunnersbury lane; 3, W Cleall, "The Great Wonder" The common; 4 C Sargood, 10, Church place; 5 W H Newell, 4 Clifton cottages Gunnersbury lane; 6 Henry Goatley, jun.?? 5 Church place; 7 G Platt, 2 Ray's cottage, western road; 8 Eden Smith, Holland Cottage, Felix road; 9 G Mott, 4 Green cottages, Bakers lane; 10 _ Godfrey, 2 Providence place, the grove.

Class 117 (by Stephen Holman, esq.) collection of six dishes of vegetables, distinct; 1 G Matthews, Packington terrace, South Acton; 2 E H Cackett, 21 Grove place, Acton; 3 E Cave, 3 Steven's cottages, Ealing Dean; 4 W Farndon, Washbourne terrace, Northfields.

Class 118 (By Harcourt Turner, esq) collections of fruits, four distinct sorts : 1 W Farndon; 2 W. Weal, Hanger Hill Cottage; 3 Edward Cave; 4 J Farndon; 5 J Lovell; 6 W Peasey.

Class 119 (by Miss Caine) collection of vegetables, viz nine round white potatoes, nine kidney ditto, nine carrots, and nine autumn sown onions; 1 G Matthews; 2 W Farndon; 3 J Farndon; W Weal.

Class 120 (by Mrs Minty) three dishes of vegetables distinct; 1 E Cave; W Peasey; 3 George Slatter; W Weal.

Class 121 (by Miss Collinson) dish of strawberries, thirty fruits : 1 David Green; 2 W Weal; 3 W Farndon; 4 George Slatter.

Class 122 (by Mr. E Sayers, The Broadway), two dishes of potatoes: 1 H W Stamp; 2 J Lovell; 3 W Weal; 4 W Farndon; 5 W Peasey; 6 George Slatter.

Class 123 (by Mr H Winch, High street), four dishes of vegetables, distinct varieties ; 1 E H Cackett; 2 J Brooks; 3 David Gren; 4 G Matthews.

Class 124 (by Messrs Jones. Bros, ironmongers) Nine onions, autumn sown: 1 W Weal; 2 (by the same name), J Farndon; 3 Eden Smith, Felix road, Ealing Dean; 4 J Brooks; 5 J W Russell, 6 Avenue cottages; 6 J Edwards 5 Elm Place.

Class 125 (By Mr C E Hopgood, high street) two dishes of potatoes two varieties, nine of each; 1 J Edwards; 2 W Weal; 3 W Peasey; 4 E Cave; 5 H W Stamp; 6 J Brooks; 7 D Green; 8 G Matthews.

Class 126 (by Mr E T Brown, Broadway) specimen plant: 1 J Lovell; 2 J Giles; C Sargood; 4 W Weal.

Class 127, (By Mr T G Eden, baker, etc High Street) nine white potatoes, round or kidney one variety: 1 W Weal; 2 (by the same name) G Slatter; E Smith; 4 W Farndon; 5 G Matthews; 6 J Brooks; 7 J Edwards; 8 C Sargood.

Class 128 (By Messrs Waite Bros. Broadway) twenty four pods of long pod beans: 1 E Smith; 2 (by the same) D Green; 3 J Farndon; 4 J Brooks; 5 Alexander Simmonds; 6 W Peasey; 7 W Farndon; 8 John Venn.

Class 129 (by Mr J W Tidy, St. Mary's road) two window plants grown in pots in windows by the exhibitors: 1 W Jennings Clifton cottage Gunnersbury lane: 2, W H Newell; 3 J Lovell; 4 C Sargood.

Class 130 (By Mr J Moon confectioner Broadway) three specimen plants : , C Sargood; 2 (by the same) J Lovell; 3 W Weal; 4 withheld: W Cave.

Class 131 (by H S Timpson, High street) six bunches of garden flowers, grown by the exhibitor in the open air, shown in water: 1 Jennings; 2 (by the same) C Sargood; 3 W Weal; 4, W. Cave; 5, J. Brooks; extra, J. Lovell.

Class 132, tray of vegetables six kinds only: (by Mr. J. Sanders, draper) 1, J Lovell; 2, W. H. Stamp; 3, W Farndon; 4. D Green; 5, E H Cackett; 6, J Fandon; 7, W Randall; 8, Eden Smith and Alex. Simmonds (equal).

Class 133, nine coloured potatoes one variety: 1, (by Mr T. Snell, High Street) 2, (By the same) T Haggis; 3, D Green; 4 W Weal; 5, G Slatter; 6, C Sargood; 7, J Brooks; 8, A Simmonds.

Class 134 two dishes of peas distinct varieites 30 pods in each 1 (By Mr F English, Butcher High street) W Peasey; 2, G Slatter; 3, J Brooks; 4, J Farndon; 5, C Sargood; 6, J Giles; 7, A Simmonds; 8, W Randall.

Class 135 broad beans 24 pods; 1 (by Mr H Parnell High Street) W Randall; 2, J Farndon; 3 E Cave; 4, W Farndon; 5, J Brooks; 6, D Green; 7, W Peasey; 8, C Sargood.

Class 136 three Cabbages 1 (by Mr S Simmonds Green view) G Matthews; 2 G Slatter; 3, W Randall; 4, D Green; 5, J Farndon; 6, E Cave.

Societies prizes

Class 139 Dish of gooseberries, thirty berries: 1 J Brooks; 2, W Farndon; 3, J Farndon; 4 W Weal; 5 W Peasey; 6 D Green;

Class 140 Red Currants, one dish of thirty bunches: 1 W Weal; 2, W Farndon, 3 W Peasey; 4, E H Cackett; 5, J Brooks; 6, J Giles;.

Class 141 Black currants, one dish of thirty bunches : 1 W Farndon; 2 J Farndon; 3, W Peasey; 4, E H Cackett; 5, W Weal; 6, J Lovell.

Class 142 White currants, one dish of thirty bunches: 1, J Edwards; 2, W Weal; 3, E Cave; 4, W Peasey; 5 W Farndon.

Class 143 Two vegetable marrows: 1 E Cave; 2 G Slatter. Only two competitors.

Class 144 Three lettuces : 1 W Farndon; 2, W Cave; 3, T Haggis; W Peasey; 5, H W Stamp; 6, E Cave; 7 W Weal; 8 E H Cackett.

Class 145 Rhubarb, six sticks : 1 J Giles; 2 J Brooks; 3, E Cave; 4 J Edwards; 5 W Farndon; 6 H W Stamp.

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Ealing Acton and Hanwell Horticultural Association

As some rumours Have been in circulation to the effect that the summer show, fixed for July the 7th , is likely to be postponed owing to the lateness of the season come we are requested to state that the committee have had the matter under consideration , and have decided that the show must take place as announced on Wednesday the 7th of July . That many things are much later than usual cannot be doubted but the judges of the allotment gardens are in opinion that the cottages production will be in much better character that is generally supposed. Hardy fruits always a weak point after the summer show, but it is difficult to have these and rose is well in together.

The grounds of hanger Hill house will be seen in their very best condition. One good feature is the unusually large number of entries in the competition for the best kept allotment and flower garden; And the judges, messrs G Cannon, E Chadwick, and J Hudson are busy at work surveying the same.

Among the gnu special prizes offered on this occasion are those for a round box or basket of plants, arranged as a flower bed, raised by special subscription; By Mr W B Hieatt, grocer , Broadway. For six dishes of Hardy fruit, open to all;

Find weather is necessary to make our annual Flower Show and fete day a signal success Mrs Nelson has kindly consented to distribute the prizes to the successful cottages, and it is hoped to the occurrence of a general election or not robbing the gathering of the presence of the junior and popular chairman of the ealing local board

1886-07-10 Summer show

Cottagers exhibits

this branch of the societies work has grown to be one of the very highest value . When we point out that 26 working men were prize winners for the best kept cottage garden or allotment and that some 60 or 70 others are applicants for allotments for the purpose of entering under the same praiseworthy competition at future annual shows, it will be acknowledged that a useful

work is being quietly and unostentatiously Performed under the surprices of these Sosiety. In this connexion it may be appropriately stated that at the distribution of the cottager's prizes on Wednesday last Mr E M Nelson made the important announcement that he had been authorised by the president of the society (do you want hon. Sr. Walpole)to state with reference to what the on room secretary of the SoC, Mr R Dean, had mentioned that day, concerning the number of working men who were anxious to have garden allotments come on that the trustees of the Bowman trust had practically agreed to let the apportionment adjoining St Mary's Church, for the purpose of allotment gardens. This will be satisfactory intelligence to the men who desire to foster a love for the cultivation of garden produce in their own households it must also be mentioned that nine prizes for the special culture of flower gardens have been gained by the same class of workers, and no wonder that the promoters of the system which works with such admirable results should feel gratified at the outcome of it. Mr cannon, one of the judges of allotment come on in sending in the list of awards come up reports to the secretary as follows;- I am very pleased to report that, notwithstanding the very unfavourable season, there is a marked improvement still going on in the general cultivation of these gardens , and more entries than hithertofore. many of these pieces come so very near in point of excellence in cropping, etc, that it was some difficulty to the judges to place them in their respective positions of merit. We have taken all the pains in our power to arrive at the right decision, and we had the services of another judge , Mr fountain come on who was of great assistance. The names of those who have been successful in receiving a prize for the cultivation of their pieces of ground are given in our price list, and if our readers we look a little closely into the list they will find that most of the names there given off the same as those given in another list come viz., That of the producers of the finest vegetables, Flowers, and fruit of the cottagers class. This is as it should be, and we may leave the prize list to speak for itself, merely promising that the exhibits in potatoes come up beans and peas were exceedingly fine in this class of the show; in that of the fruits grown under the same head. The currents come out both white red and black, were also of a fine and excellent kind. the Flowers and plants, 2 if of a family salt, showed signs of care and intelligence in the cultivation. Should also be stated here the winners of Mr bells prize of photographs to the winner of the greatest number of prizes for garden produce, oh this year, David Green and William Farndon, who, we understand, have each gained 13 prizes, and we'll share Mr bells prize between them. The cottagers prizes were distributed to the winners at 5:00 o'clock on the terrace in front of the house in the presence of the president and officers of the SoC, Lord and lady George Hamilton , and a large number of visitors, who cheered the recipient. Mrs E M Nelson kindly officiated that this office , in the votes of thanks which followed come up Mr Nelson nighty statement above referred to; and the venerated president of the society took the opportunity of telling those present, that Lord George Hamilton come up who had never before that day associated himself with the SoC, had signified his intention along with lady George, probably giving additional prizes to the cottagers class for the cultivation of vegetables. The president's statement was received with cheers, and after a vote of thanks to the president and officers of the society, the proceedings concluded.

Cottagers Classes

Open only to cottagers and poor men who really cultivate their own gardens and allotments, and whose rental for house and land does not exceed £15 per annum , and who work for daily wages.

Special prizes

Class 96 (in memory of the late Baroness di Rothschild)supplemented by Mrs Walpole with 3

pounds three shillings, for the best kept cottage garden or allotment; first prize John Farndon, Northfield Rd; 2, Thomas haggis , 10 hanbury Rd, Acton; 3, William farndon Northfield Rd; 4, William Weal, 32 Coningsby Rd : 5 William Peasey, 5 Saint Matthews Rd; 6 Edwards Cane, 3 Stevens cottage, the green; 7 John Benn, 22 Shakespeare Rd Acton; 8 H Cackett, 31 Grove place Acton ; 9, W goldsworthy, Sunnyside Rd; 10, Eden Smith “Black Horse “ Ealing Dean; 11, Benjamin Goodson, 20 western Rd ; 12 W Randall , 2 Northfield terrace; 13 G Matthews, Palmerton road Acton; 14 W Brown, 6 Portland terrorists , Ealing Dean; 15, James Edwards, Elm place; 16, W Weal, 2 hanger Vale cottages; 17 Alfred burrows, Saint Johns Rd; 18 Joseph Brooks , 2 Northfield villas ; 19 R Payne, 8 hope terrace , Ealing Dean; 20 John Lovell, gunnersbury Lane, acton. six extra prizes were awarded to the following:- W Weedon , 10 prospect place, Haven green; C Jones 2 Bloomfield place, Ealing Dean; G Soley, 3 Taylor cottages; A Butler, 1 Princes road.

Class 97 (By E H Nelson Esquire 2 pounds 2 shillings, and R Willey Esq. £1 1s for the best kept flower garden: 1, W Jennings , Gunnersbury Lane, Acton; 2 G Soley; 3 , jaune level ; 4 W Cleall “the great wonder “ Ealing common; 5, W H Newell, Gunnersbury Lane acton; 6 H Goatley, junr. 3 church place ; 7 J Rooke? 4 Church Place; 5, C Sargood; 8, W Pemberton, Gunnersbury lane Acton.

Class 98 (By Mrs Minty) three dishes of vegetables, distinct; 1 E H Cackett; 2, G Matthews; 3, C Sargood; 4, W Weal.

Class 99 (byMiss Collinson “The Haven” Ealing) dish of strawberries, 30 fruits: 1 W Weal; 2, D Green; 3, C Jones; 4, J Edwards.

Class 100, two dishes of potatoes : 1 (By Messrs. E Sayers and sons drapers, Broadway, Ealing) E H Cackett; 2 W Farndon; 3, D Green; 4 J Stone; 5, T Haggis.

Class 101 three lettuces : 1 J Stone; 2 W Farndon; 3, W Weal; 4, W Randall; 5, J Edwards; 6 J Farndon; 7 W Weal?; 8 J Giles.

Class 102 (By Mr Pooley, watchmaker and jeweller, High street, Ealing) collection of six dishes of vegetables, distinct : 1 G Matthews; 2, J Venn; 3. E H Cackett; 4 W Goldsworthy; 5, D Green; 6 J Farndon.

Class103 four dishes of vegetables, six distinct: 1, (By Mr Winch, watchmaker and jeweller, Esplanade, Ealing) J Farndon; 2, G Matthews; 3, J Edwards; 4, E Cane.

class 104 collection of fruits four distinct sorts : (By Mr C Stevenson , ironmonger, Queens terrace, Ealing Dean) E Cane; 2, D green; 3, W Weal; 4 W Farndon; 5, S Hart?

Class 105, collection of vegetables viz. 9 round potatoes, 9 kidney ditto, 9 carrots, 9 autumn sown or spring sown onions : 1 (by Mr E R Woodridge, tailor, high street Ealing) G Matthews; 2, W Farndon; 3, D Peasey; 4, D Green.

Class 106 nine Onions, autumn sown –1, (bye messrs. Jones brothers furnishing ironmonger's, Broadway , Ealing) W West ; 2, (by the same) J Lovell; 3, T Haggis; 4, J Venn; 5, D Green; 6 J Edwards.

Class 107 2 dishes of potatoes, two varieities, nine of each: (By Mr C E Hopgood, picture dealer, etc. High street, Ealing) E Cane; 2 (By the same) E Smith; 3 W Randall, 4 J Stone; 5, T Haggis; 6, J Brooks; 7, D Green ; 8, G Matthews;

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Letter 1886-07-10

Alleged malpractices of cottage exhibitors

To the Editor

Sir- The advertisement of the allotment committee in your issue for Saturday last has surprised me not a little. I should like to know on what authority it is stated that allotment holders have been "charged " (enlarge type)with exhibiting productions not the growth . I have been the secretary of the society for 11 years, and during that time not a single authenticated case has come before me. I have listened to the statements made by disappointed exhibitors, smarting under the sense of defeat , or prompted by jealousy and spite; But when I asked for evidence, none was a forthcoming. I have made promises of complete secrecy in the case of reliable evidence tarnished; I have undertaken to lay any bona fide the case before the committee, and to take steps to punish the offenders; but all my promises and entreaties have failed to bring home a single instance of unfair showing. I believe that the cottage exhibitors of healing are, in regard to the matter of Fair showing , far ahead of others in various parts of the country, and my trust in fair exhibiting in this locality is in the watch full oversight exercise by one exhibitor over the produce of his neighbours garden- in an honourable spirit of rivalry come out which I think has taken a deep hold upon the hearts of the allotments holders who are exhibitors at our show; and come on Lastly, in the knowledge the judges of the allotment and cottage gardens have of growing crops, which they examine with so much care during the month of June. Let me indicate to the allotment committee something more worthy of the attention than issuing alarmist and uncalled for advertisements of this kind. Not the allotments held by persons who cannot possibly be described as poor men working for weekly wages, be held to be vacated. The poor are bound a mouse, and they should have them, not well to do tradesman. Let them demand a restoration of the shamefully neglected and wretchedly tilled plots that are far too numerous at Ealing Dean : Plants that grow weeds in abundance, and cover neighbouring plots with seeds. Many a poor man looks with hungry eyes upon these, and would profitably cultivate them had they position of these grievously neglected batches. Finally, let the allotment committee be openly elected in public investory, that we may know who they are and what are their qualifications for the work they undertake; And let them also make an annual public return of the monies they receive, and how expended , that this scandal may no longer exist in our midst. - I am, Sir, yours, etc,

Richard Dean

Ranelagh Rd Ealing July 5th 1886

1886-07-17

Edit: The announcement which mounted from the veteran president at the distribution of cottagers prizes last week, on the afternoon of the show, could not but be a gratifying one to them. The fact that there more some 60 or 70 of our working men who were applicants for allotments to cultivate and take a pride in, must have been a comforting practical commentary upon the committee's past labours in this Department, but it must also be given them some anxiety as to how the increased demand was to be met. Fortunately that are not wanting kindly heart in this district, and the fact that it is almost a certainty that a large plot of land known as

Bowman's apportionment near Saint Marys church is to be applied to the use of cottage, cultivate us was as gratifying a solution of the difficulty does it it was an honour to the movers in it, the competition is the "best kept garden" class for these societies prizes next year may therefore be expected to be keener and more energetic than ever hitherto .

1886-07-17

Alleged Malpractice of the cottage exhibitors

Sir, - It has pleased Mr Dean to call the Ealing allotment committee "a scandal" and to ask for information about their proceedings. Though feeling like the trodden worm, I have not time today to turn upon the questioner; but Mr Dean seem to contradict himself, and he certainly has a short memory. The holders of the allotments have not so high an opinion of themselves as Mr Dean has of them. Charges of dishonest showings were made last year to Mr Dean And another member of a Horticultural Society committee, but nothing was done, and the complaints only came to me later on. They should have come to us at once . I mentioned them at the general meeting come on and Mr Dean said nothing then, so I issued a warning to which he refers; but I may so special precautions for taking this year. I have not made out that the horticultural societies experience of dishonest showings is larger than my own, but I have known beaches stuck on with pins at our own show by the gardener of a big house ; And at one of our spring shows Mr Dean must know that an exhibitor was allowed to take a prize when some of the stuff was bought, I am, Sir , yours , etc

J S Hilliard

Chairman Allotments Committee

1887-07-09 Summer show

One of the best institutions in connexion with the healing Acton and hanwell Horticultural Society is the competition for the cottagers. a useful and good thing is done for the working man when he has inducements held out to him to spend his leisure hours - which often passed with so much monotony- and I sober, profitable way; and scarcely could a more profitable or continual occupation for such I was be found then in the cultivation of a small garden, which, with care and intelligence bestowed upon it, will yield a rich harvest too recompense for the trouble taken with it. It is satisfactory to know that the society does not induce the cottages to make their gardens mere flower gardens, do their best to encourage the production of plants of a hardier and more useful character also. The thought presents itself; how many of the beautiful little gardens which the door a little number of the houses in the town whose be nonexistent but for the stimulus of the prizes offered. And Ealing, which beach fair to rank highest as a favourite Metropolitan suburbs, would lose half of its attraction. According to some who have lived many years here there was a time when the poor inhabitants, at least, were under the impression that keeping a garden meant an expense which they could scarcely bear, and what credit then master society take to itself upon contrasting the condition of the town coming and especially the cottagers, then with the condition now. the competition must, Moreover, busy means of developing in the Cottagers thrift and industry, Such valuable aids to the welfare of everyman, and if this were all that could be claimed as a result of the work of the SoC, it would have done a good thing. It is gratifying on Wednesday to see with what tense interest the exhibitors entered into the competition. As equal , the Cottagers production were displayed in a large tent set

apart for the purpose, and though come on generally speaking, they were not up to the standard of previous years- I fact doubtless fully accounted for in the recent and continual state of the weather- they were yet credible productions, and a valuable acquisition to the sun the entries were very numerous in most of the classes. All the exhibits in the classes for vegetables they were an abundance, they being some very fine dishes of broad beans find peace and though the potatoes were small owing doubtless to the dry state of the weather, They were of a very good quality generally. John lovell, of Acton, showed a very good plate of round potatoes , as also did W Goldsworthy, South ealing. George Matthews, of South Acton, exhibited some fair vegetables in the class “three dishes distinct “turning a well merited first prize; and in the competition for the best six dishes of vegetables he shone out conspicuously with some good specimens of cabbages , potatoes, onions and peas. In the vegetable classes we ought also to mention as having exhibited productions of merit, H Cacketts, Charles Sargood, William Roberts, Colin Wilson, W Farndon, W West, J Lovell, and E Sutton. The Hon. Sec. Showed, not for competition, a splendid plate of Duke of Albany peas , field growth , which attracted considerable attention . For the prize for 24 pounds of long pot beans there were a good number of competitors, handsome fine specimens were shown, which incited a good share of admiration, those of Steven hurt Being particularly fine and good. Exhibits of 24 points of broad beans, much care in the cultivation was plainly shown and John Farndon James the first prize with some fine beans, that is shown by John Venn and William Goldsworthy coming next in Order of Merit. The competition for peace was a close one, that vegetable being among the better features of this part of the show, William Peasey winning the first prize. Neither carrots nor turnips were very high Order of Merit. Of onions there was a large and fine assortment, W Goldsworthy carrying off the first prize for 9, autumn sown, of much excellence. There was a very poor show of vegetable marrows, W goldsworthy gaming first prize there was a competition for the three best cabbages come on in which J Edwards took the first prize with some sound and fairly large exhibits , whilst the others were generally of a creditable character. In the fruit Collections there were many subjects which reflected much credit upon the exhibitors; the strawberries were fine, and the currents well advanced for the time of year, most the rhubarb was large and good. In the strawberry display the exhibits for the most part did their own as much credit for the evident persevering attention which had been given to them, and William Weal, with a really choice dish of 30 fruits of good size, was awarded first prize, well Joseph Brooks William farndon follow in order of Merit respectively. Current's looked well, and had assumed good proportions, white ones being specially forward ; Steven hurts dish of 30 splendid bunches was I conspicuous subject of admiration. He also exhibited the best specimens of blackcurrants, which were of a fair size. In redcurrants there were some good exhibits, those of Alfred Butler being prominent. William Peasey succeeded in dining a prize in each class for currents. goosberries were shown in considerable abundance, and were of large size, William Weal awarded first prize in a close competition. W H Stamp was successful in the rhubarb exhibition in taking the first prizes, and medium sized sticks having presumably more virtue in them than the larger ones shown by other exhibitors; the six sticks shown by John Farndon and Joseph Brooks, who gained respectively second and third prizes, we're also good.

The specimen fonts showed met with much appreciation, that of John Lovell (a splendid fuchsia) which came first prize, being particularly noticed; whilst Mr Peasey's red geranium took the second place in the judges admiration. The “three specimen plants “competition was interesting and the beauty of the specimens produced by George Soley and Charles Sargood, who took first and second prizes, left no doubt as to the merit of the judges decisions. The exhibits were also very pleasing in the class for two window plants grown in pots

in windows by exhibitors, W goldsworthy gaining a well deserved first prize, I'm John Lovell I rightly awarded 2nd .

PRIZE DETAILS SEE NEWSPAPER

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1.J Massey 39 North road 2 G Allen Bonchurch road. 3. H Stamp 4 Williams road 4 H Stevenson 28 Northfield road, % F Blackall 8 Kirchen road. 6 J Frost 8 Northfield road, 7 E Hubble 129 Seaford road, 8 C Buckingham 1 Rose Cottages, 9 W Dean 8 Wrotham road, 10 B Goodson Wesleyan Church. 11 F King 3 Alfred road, 12 E Cane 23 Green man lane, 13 J Crisp 1 St. Johns place, 14 Amos Cain 22 Balfour road, 15 W Pask 10 St. Matthews road, 16 A. S Coultrup 21 Leighton Road, 17 W Cane 64 Williams road